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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/797,148	CARONNI, GERMANO
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Thomas R. Peeso	2132

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.  
 2a) This action is **FINAL**.      2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) 18 is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-4, 8 and 14-16 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) 5-7, 9-13 and 17 is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 10Mar2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____                                       |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>25Jul2005, 10Mar2004</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
|   | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____                           |

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 8, 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,049,878 to Caronni et al.

As per claims 1 and 2, Caronni et al. disclose the limitations of these claims (see fig. 2).

As per claims 3 and 4, Caronni et al. disclose these limitations (see fig. 3, items 158A-158D).

As per claim 8, Caronni et al. disclose this feature (see fig. 2).

As per claim 14, Caronni et al. disclose generating a request to perform .....(see fig. 6, item 302), determining whether the one of the plurality .....(see fig. 6, item 304), determining the one of the plurality of group members .....(see fig. 2), rekeying a traffic encryption key .....(see fig. 6, item 322), generating a root private key (see fig. 3, item 310), forwarding the traffic encryption key .....(see fig. 6, item 316), forwarding the traffic encryption key, the at least .....(see fig. 6, item 308), forwarding the traffic encryption key and the at least one client .....(see fig. 6, item 316) and forwarding the traffic encryption key .....(see fig. 6, item 316).

As per claim 15, Caronni et al. also disclose authenticating the request, wherein the authenticating .....(see fig. 6, item 302).

As per claim 16, Caronni et al. disclose wherein rekeying the traffic encryption key .....(see fig. 6, item 318).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claim 18 is allowed.

Claims 5-7, 9-13, 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

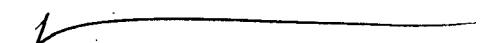
***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas R. Peeso whose telephone number is 571 272-3809. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The central fax number for the office is 571 273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron, can be reached on 571 272-3799.

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